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TAGS: BEXP, EAIR, MILI, MA

SUBJ: RATSIRAKA WISHES TO BUY LOCKHEED L-100

REF: TANANARIVE 1093

1. WE WERE INFORMED JULY 14 THAT PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA HAS MADE DECISION TO BUY ONE LOCKHEED L-100 AND WISHES DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT BY SEPTEMBER IF POSSIBLE. WE ARE TRANSMITTING WORD OF RATSIRAKA'S DECISION TO LOCKHEED REP PUTNAM IN JOHANNESBURG.

2. COMMENT: PRECISE TERMS OF SALE CONTRACT HAVE YET TO BE NEGOTIATED, AND WE BELIEVE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR L-100 TO BE DELIVERED IN SEPTEMBER EVEN IF SALE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED THIS MONTH. NONETHELESS, SINCE PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA HAS APPARENTLY MADE DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH PURCHASE, DEPARTMENT MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE LOCKHEED APPROACH ON EXPORT LICENSE REQUEST BEFORE LONG.

3. DESPITE PROBLEMS IN US/MADAGASCAR BILATERAL RELATIONS, EMBASSY BELIEVES PROSPECTIVE LOCKHEED L-100 SALE OFFERS ADVANTAGES FOR THE US. CONTRACT WOULD INVOLVE A SUBSTANTIAL COMMERCIAL EXPORT SALE FOR THE US (AND/OR A US COMPANY WHICH NEEDS SUCH SALES).

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4. IT MAY WELL BE THAT RATSIRAKA WAS IMPRESSED WITH PERFORMANCE
OF ISRAELI C-130 (MILITARY VERSION OF L-100 AT ENTEBBE TO MAKE
DECISION ON PURCHASE EARLIER RATHER THAN LATER.SHEINBAUM

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